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SUBJECT: IEP AND THE NEUTRALITY ISSUE/SWITZERLAND

REF: A) STATE 244172; B) BERN 4169

1. SUMMARY: SWISS FEEL THAT SUITABLE NEUTRALITY
DECLARATION ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION
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IN IEP BUT ALSO BELIEVE THAT CHANCES OF INVOKING SUCH

DECLARATION ARE EXTREMELY REMOTE. GOS HOPES THAT ISSUE CAN BE RESOLVED NOV. 8 IN BRUSSELS ECG MEETING BUT, IF NOT, IS PREPARED FOR FURTHER BILATERAL AND/OR MULTILATERAL CONSIDERATION BEFORE NOV. 18. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY ALERTED DIVISION OF COMMERCE ON BASIS STATE 243014 NOV. 5 AND PER REFTEL A. NOV. 6 RE USG CONCERN RE PHRASEOLOGY USED IN NEUTRALITY DECLARATION BY SWEDEN, AUSTRIA, AND SWITZERLAND. EMBOFF MET NOV. 7 WITH KEY DIVISION OF COMMERCE OFFICIAL (LEVY), AND AMBASSADOR JOLLES, DIRECTOR DIVISION OF COMMERCE, ALSO PARTICIPATED IN PART OF CONVERSATION.

3. GOS OFFICIALS ARE HOPEFUL THAT NEUTRALITY ISSUE CAN BE RESOLVED AT NOV. 8 RESTRICTED HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING WHICH THEY UNDERSTAND DAVIGNON HAS CALLED. THEY BELIEVE THERE IS CONSIDERABLE MISUNDERSTANDING WHICH THEY THINK CAN BE CLEARED UP. SWISS WILL GIVE DAVIGNON DRAFT TEXT OF A NEUTRALITY DECLARATION NOV. 7 ALTHOUGH THEY ARE OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS ON SPECIFIC WORDING. TEXT WAS READ QUICKLY TO EMBOFF AND LEVY SAID THAT IT DOES NOT DIFFER IN SUBSTANCE FROM PREVIOUS OEEC/OECD DECLARATIONS NOR DOES IT DIFFER GREATLY FROM DRAFT SWEDISH DECLARATION.

4. JOLLES SAID FORCEFULLY THAT SUITABLE DECLARATION ABSOLUTELY INDISPENSABLE FOR PARTICIPATION SWITZERLAND IN IEP. THIS NEED BASED PRIMARILY ON STRONG FEELING IN SWISS PUBLIC OPINION WHICH DEMONSTRATED BY RECORD ATTENDANCE AT NOV. 6 BRUGGER PRESS CONFERENCE AND ALMOST TOTAL PREOCCUPATION OF QUESTIONERS WITH NEUTRALITY ASPECT. BRUGGER AT PRESS CONFERENCE AND JOLLES IN RADIO AND TELEVISION APPEARANCES NOV. 6 HAD INSISTED THAT PARTICIPATION IN IEP WAS CLEARLY ECONOMIC PROPOSITION WHICH STRONGLY IN SWITZERLAND'S OWN INTEREST. JOLLES AND OTHER SWISS OFFICIALS HAVE PRIVATELY TOLD EMBOFFS THAT CHANCES OF ACTUALLY USING NEUTRALITY DECLARATION IN IEP CONTEXT ARE VIRTUALLY NIL, SINCE IN ALMOST ANY CONCEIVABLE EMERGENCY OR CRISIS SITUATION IEP SHARING PROVISIONS WOULD BE MORE ESSENTIAL THAN EVER.

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